THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2007.

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by President Jeff Gahan at 7:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Coffey, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Price, Mr. Kochert, Mrs. Crump, Mr. Blevins, Mr. Messer, Mr. Zurschmiede, and President Jeff Gahan.

OTHERS: Council Attorney Jerry Ulrich and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

ALSO: John Rosenbarger, Adam Dickey, Scott Wood, Planning and Zoning, Brian Dixon, EMC, Paul Wheatley, Economic Development Director, and Anthony B. Toran.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Gahan called for the nomination of officers.

Mr. Coffey moved to nominate Mr. Kochert for President, Mr. Schmidt second

Mr. Zurschmeide nominated Mr. Messer for President, Mrs. Crump second,

Mr. Gahan called for the vote which ended in a tie with Mr. Coffey, Mr. Schmidt,

Mr. Price and Mr. Kochert voting for Mr. Kochert; and Mrs. Crump, Mr. Messer,

Mr. Zurschmiede and Mr. Gahan voting for Mr. Messer and Mr. Blevins abstained.

Due to a tie vote Mr. Gahan again called for nominations for President.

Mr. Coffey nominated Mr. Kochert for President.

Mr. Zurschmeide nominated Mr. Messer for President

Mr. Gahan called for the vote.

Mr. Kochert was elected President with votes from Mr. Coffey, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Price, Mr. Kochert and Mr. Blevins.

Mr. Blevins commented that he has respect for both men and he considers them both friends but he had given his word to Mr. Kochert and he couldn't go back on that.

Mr. Kochert thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and he thanked Mr. Messer for being willing to put his name on the line. He stated that he hoped that they could all work together this year to move the city forward.

Mr. Kochert entertained a motion for a 5 minute recess.

Mr. Gahan moved to recess, Mr. Messer second.

The meeting recessed at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Kochert called the meeting back to order at 7:40

Mr. Kochert called for nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Zurschmeide nominated Mr. Messer for Vice-President.

Mr. Messer declined the nomination.

Mr. Kochert declared Mr. Coffey the new Vice-President.

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mrs. Crump moved to approve the minutes of the December 21 meeting as amended, Mr. Price second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Dick Duggins, addressed the board and introduced himself as the new president of the Fire Fighters union and stated that if anyone ever has any questions please give him a call.

Valla Ann Bolovshack, 600 E. Main Street, wished everyone a Happy New Year. She applauded Mrs. Crump for asking for an audit of the fire department monies. She expressed concerns over the resolution for the \$25,000 for the Montessori School. She stated that she spoke with the superintendent of schools and they receive \$3,500 to \$4,000 per child out of the property taxes. She discussed the issues facing the city financially and wondered if there really is money available for this. She voiced her concerns for the \$92,000 for One Southern Indiana and stated that it might be nice to see what Mr. Wheatley has accomplished.

COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Schmidt presented the council with a report regarding unsafe buildings in the East End and the West End. He stated that he got the list of houses from the Building Commissioner's Office after being told they didn't have a list. He then went to the assessor's office to get the names and addresses of the property owner's and he thinks that the council should put pressure on the Building Commissioner to get something done with these houses. Said reports are on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Coffey stated that he wanted to thank the Redman Club and Gary McCartin for all their help and donations for the annual Christmas party.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS:

-Stormwater Board Engineer: Al Goodman

Mr. Kochert stated that they had received a resume for Mr. Al Goodman to be their replacement on the Stormwater Board and that he would entertain a nomination.

Mr. Coffey nominated Mr. Goodman for Stormwater Board Engineer, Mr. Messer second, all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: READING

R-07-01 Resolution to fund Community Montessori Charter Coffey

Mr. Coffey moved for the reading of R-07-01, and it died for the lack of a second.

R-07-02 Resolution to Provide Annual Funding to One Southern Indiana for Economic Development

Gahan

Services

Mr. Gahan moved for the reading of R-07-02, Mr. Schmidt second.

Mr. Gahan asked Mr. Dalby to come forward to speak about their organization and what their goals are.

Mr. Dalby presented a hand out to the council and explained to the council what his organization does for the surrounding areas and their mission. Said handout is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Coffey voiced concern with the amount of money that the city will be putting out compared to other areas and that New Albany has less available land then they do for growth.

Mr. Dalby stated that the majority of projects that the have already completed are within the New Albany City limits and that with the Purdue project moving forward there is a large opportunity for New Albany in the Tech industry.

Mr. Coffey stated that he understood, but that he still feels that Clark County has more land and should be paying more than New Albany.

Mr. Gahan asked him to explain how they determined the price for each city.

Mr. Dalby explained that the price was determined on a per capita bases.

Mrs. Crump asked what they would be afforded with the amount they are putting forward.

Mr. Dalby explained that New Albany would have a seat on their council.

Mr. Gahan stated that he feels that they should look into this further in a committee.

Mr. Messer asked if they had also approached the county and if they agreed could it reduce the cost from the city.

Mr. Dalby explained that the \$92,000 is based just on the population of the City and that if the county were to come on that their fee would be based on the population outside of the city limits..

Mr. Price said that he feels that the committee also needs to look into Paul Wheatley and what he does as well as Develop New Albany.

Mrs. Crump explained that One Southern Indiana enhances the work that Mr. Wheatley does for the City.

Mr. Dalby stated that Mr. Wheatley has been a wonderful asset for the city and they have worked very well together in the past. He explained that they pass information onto Mr. Wheatley and that he works with the prospective businesses to show them what New Albany has to offer.

Mr. Kochert put this into committee. He named Mr. Gahan chairman and asked Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Zurschmiede to serve with him.

Mr. Gahan moved to table R-07-02, Mr. Schmidt second.

A-07-01 Additional Appropriation

Messer 1

Mr. Messer moved for the first reading of A-07-01, Mrs. Crump second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Coffey stated that he wished that they had run the two items on this appropriation separately because he still feels that \$75,000 is too much for a study that they could have done themselves.

Z-07-01 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of

Crump 1

New Albany, Indiana, Title XV, Chapter 156 (Docket P-12-06: Pat & Pam Kelly – Summit

Springs Development)

This item was withdrawn until the first meeting in February per a request received by the Clerk from Mr. Greg Fifer, attorney for the developer. Said request is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Z-07-02 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of

Crump 1

New Albany, Indiana, Title XV, Chapter 156 (Docket P-13-06: Discovery Builders - Pinehurst

Subdivision)

Mrs. Crump moved for the first reading of Z-07-02, Mr. Messer second.

Mrs. Crump reported that this received a unanimous vote from the Plan Commission and explained that the developer has agreed to all the enhancements and stipulations for the development that was given to them by the Plan Commission.

Mr. Adams showed the site plan drawing to the council and explained that this is just the first phase of this development.

All voted in favor.

Z-07-03 Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of

Schmidt 1

New Albany, Indiana, Title XV, Chapter 156 (Docket P-14-06: Purdue University Research

Foundation)

Mr. Schmidt moved for the first reading of Z-07-03, Mr. Coffey second.

Mrs. Crump explained that this also passed unanimously and that it is going to be an asset to the city.

Mr. Mike Naville explained the project and stated that not only will it be a campus for Purdue but also a tech business incubator. He and the Purdue members presented plans for the development which will also include lots for high end restaurants and possibly a hotel.

Roger Moody from the Montessori School stated that he would like to have an opportunity to discuss their resolution and correct the misunderstandings that people have about their organization and he would like for this to be put in a committee. He stated

that they thought they would be given about 15 minutes to talk the same as Mr. Dalby from One Southern Indiana.

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Mr. Kochert explained that they did not get to make comments because their resolution did not receive a second and that in order for it to be brought back before the council they would need to find a member who would be willing to sponsor their resolution.

Mr. Naville stated that they have not yet voted on Z-07-03.

Mr. Kochert called for the question.

All voted in favor of Z-07-03

G-06-21 An Ordinance to Amend Section 32-80 of the Code
Of Ordinances: The New Albany Fire Department
Candidate Selection Act

Mr. Blevins stated that this is tabled and that he will be trying to get this committee together next week.

Mr. Kochert stated that he would like to include himself on this committee.

Mr. Kochert stated that there are several very important issues that he feels they need to address this year which are as follows:

Funding for two Ambulances
Police and Fire Hiring
Take home cars
Improving the Billing Department
Funding for the sewers that was promised so that the work would get done
Funding for the Street Department

He stated that he is hoping that everyone will come together to work these issues out. He also stated that this week he will be going over the committees and if anyone is willing to serve he would like for them to call him.

Mr. Messer stated that he has looked into the ordinance book and has found that there are a lot of issues that need to be cleaned up but he feels that it is too complicated for members of the council to address.

Ms. Wisman informed them that she has asked American Legal to give her a quote for re-codifying the book. She should hear back from them after the have prepared the updates for last years ordinances.

There being no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

	Larry Kochert, President
	Common Council, City of New Albany
ATTEST:	
Marcey Wisman, City Clerk	